

ELDRIDGE/WEST OAKS Super Neighborhood Council Meeting

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The meeting of the Eldridge/West Oaks Super Neighborhood Council (EWOSNC) was called to order at 7:10 PM by Vice President John Lozano.

I. Speaker –There was no speaker.

II. Guest Introductions

There were no guest introductions

III. Announcements from the City Representative(s)

Donald Perkins from the City of Houston Planning and Development Department wants the SNC to look at pursuing collective projects with other SNCs to speak to the city of Houston about setting up certain projects like “Fun Day in the Park”, or a “Political Forum”. He also suggested that one way to keep the SNC members informed about neighborhood initiatives is to share newsletters from our specific subdivisions.

IV. Old Business

A. Approve January minutes— No minutes were handed out in January because Maria Galiotos (secretary) had her briefcase stolen and the minutes were inside the briefcase.

B. Committee reports:

1. Security (Bob Sumicek) Bob Sumicek is no longer a delegate. No security report.

2. SNAP/Infrastructure (Judy Thompson) Judy Thompson announced that 7 projects were presented to the city for our neighborhood, including a recycling center. She also said that anyone can request 311 projects i.e. potholes, side walk repairs, sewer leaks. She said when you call 311 you need to know the address of the problem area. The city will give you a reference number and then you can use that to follow up. She also said that you can request these items on line.

At this time Virgie Manning also said that graffiti or anything to do with beautification is a 311 call to the city.

Diane Guillerman said that as delegates we need to notify our associations of above.

Virgie Manning said that she was present at that city’s CIP meeting and that she asked for the Westside Hike and Bike trail to be reconstructed. Judy Thompson also said that one CIP application was passed and that is that sidewalks will be build by the Village School. Donald Perkins stated that we should be persistent when calling in CIP requests.

3. Beautification (Virgie Manning) She passed out a list of items of graffiti still not fixed. She also said that she will talk to Oliver Pennington’s office about dumping areas along Hwy 6 and Westheimer, grass cutting on some lots on Westheimer and she would also like ideas from anyone interested on beautifying the area. At this time Diane Guillerman asked if we could do a beautification project to correspond with “Keep Houston Beautiful Day”. Keep Houston Beautiful day is first weekend in April. Ms. Manning also said that she would like to find actual projects like planting and cleaning. Mark Kirshke said that if we want supplies from Keep Houston Beautiful we have to request that as soon as possible. Virgie also suggested if we can get volunteers from West Side High School to help.

4. **Flooding and Drainage Committee (Billie Long)** no report

5. **Legislative (Doug Parrish)** no report

6. **Speakers Committee (Maria Galitos)** Catherine Flowers from the Mayor's Office of

Neighborhood Services will be the speaker at next month's meeting.

V. New Business

Mark Kishke announced that he attended the Rebuild Houston the night before and that it seems that District G is a big tax input for the city however; the district does not get as much attention from the city as it should. He also said that big projects will be put on hold and that CIP funding will remain flat.

He also stated that the Turkey Creek Bridge is to be widened in July.

Also Mr. Kishke said that we as citizens need to be more engaged in the redistricting of our area decisions. He said that "Operation West Side Success is working well and that cameras are put in areas where crime is high and those cameras feed to the police. Go to www.westsidesuccess.org for more information.

Mark also said that right now he is following lots of bills brought forth that affect HOAs and he reviewed some. He said he will send the chart to Doug Parrish. He particularly pointed out Bill SP 142 which seems to dilute power from HOAs. He said that when bills go to committee is when people can advocate for what bill interests them.

Doug Parrish made an announcement regarding the traffic study being conducted in the Briarhills neighborhood by the city. He said that the results from the city are not in yet.

Judy Thompson said that if you want to request a traffic study done by the city you have to specify specific times and speeds of problem area. She said that a target problem area is Briar Forest and Hwy 6.

Doug Parrish said that TEX DOT has given the city of Houston responsibility of the traffic lights on Hwy 6.

Donald Perkins made a point that SNC members should attend the redistricting meeting and he passed out handouts. He said the mayor of Houston is to run the meeting, that two council seats have been added. He said that we should pass out the information to our areas.

B. John (Vice President) made the announcement that Bob Sumicek is no longer a delegate for his association so therefore he is no longer president of the SN 17.

C. Doug Parrish was voted president of the SNC by voice vote.

Next Meeting - Catherine Flowers will be the guest speaker. Wednesday, March 9, 2011 - at 7:00 pm (AC Classroom of Eagle's Trace Retirement Community).